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VILLA MOVES HIS FORCES AS PEACE CONFERENCE PENDS

Mobile Army of 30,000 Men, Marching Against Carranza, Occupies Zacatecas — Meeting May Avert War.

JUAREZ, Sept. 28.-Despite the arangements for a peace meeting between General Francisco Villa and commissions of generals from his army and that of President Carranza, Villa today continued his military operations. Nearly all of his mobile force of 30,000 men are now marching against the troops of Carranza. They have already occupied Zacatecas, in the central military zone, fronting the Carganza mobilization point at Aguas Callentes. Reports that Villistas have occupied Ban Luis Potosi have not been confirmed. A secret movement of troops into Sonora was discovered today when

lutionary Governor, Maytorena, in driving out Carranza troops under General The meeting between commissions of generals from the armies of Villa and Carranza will be held at Aguas Callentes. They will decide whether Carranza shall resign from the provisional presidency, to be succeeded by Fernando

Villa's personal brigade, commanded by

General Rodriguez, reached the Sonors

State line to co-operate with the revo-

Iglesias Calderon to avert the threat In a statement issued last night at Chihuahua General Villa said:

"I solemnly declare I shall not accept Carranza as President or Vice President, ad interim or constitutional."

WASHINGTON, Sept. 28.-Efforts to patch up the break between Villa and Carranza were scheduled today at Zacatecas, according to a message from Consul Carothers to the White House today. It stated that representtives of both Villa and Carranza would be present.

AMERICAN TROOPS GUARDING MEXICAN BORDER REINFORCED

Action Taken in View of Battle Imminent at Naco.

DOUGLAS, Ariz., Sept. 28.—Five more troops of American cavalry took up poettions along the Mexican line today to prevent any violation of United States territory in the battle now imminent between Carranzistas and Villaistas at Naco, Sonora. The inhabitants of Naco, Texas, just across the line, were up at dawn and hastened to get positions on a manda Wha were driven away by Colonel Guilfoyle's copers because they were within range of the expected fighting.
The Carranzistas at Naco number

about 1800 men, while the approaching

MEXICAN PRIEST TELLS OF SUFFERING INDIGNITIES

Carranza Men Paraded 40 Ecclesiastes With Ropes About Necks.

NEW YORK, Sept. 28 .- A number of refugees from Mexico were on board the Ward liner Esperanza when she arrived today from Vera Cruz. Mexicans tried o prevent some of the fugitives from eaving the country, but were unsuccessful, owing to the intervention of United Blates troops at Vera Cruz.

A passenger on the Esperanza was the Rev. Gonzalo Carrasco, who was at a college just outside of Mexico City when General Carranza entered the capital and took over the Government. The priest said that he and about 40 other priests were led through the streets of Mexico ecause they had no money to give to Carranza when it was demanded.

HIS FATHER IMPROVED Dr. Brumbaugh Will Fill Engage-

ment at Du Bois Tonight.

Word was received today from Dr. artin G. Brumbaugh, Republican can-

lidate for Governor, that his father, the Rev. George Boyer Brumbaugh, whose illness yesterday occasioned considerable alarm, was much improved. Doctor Brumbaugh wired from his parents' home that he would leave this afternoon for Du Bols, Pa., where he will speak tonight.

Alarmed at his father's sudden ill-pess, Doctor Brumbaugh left this city yesterday morning for Huntingdon, where the elder Brumbaugh is a patient at the Blair Memorial Hospital. Last night Blair Memorial Hospital. Last night James S. Hiatt, personal friend and campaign manager of Doctor Brumbaugh, received a message saying his father was resting easily, but was not entirely out resting easily, but was not entirely out of danger. Today's telegram was more

CHOLERA RAGES IN TRIESTE

Inhabitants Fleeing Austrian City to Escape Plague,

ROME, Sept. Private messages from the Austrian city of Trieste report that an epidemic of cholera has broken out there, and that residents of the city are fleeing.



WEATHER FORECAST For Philadelphia and vicinity—Fuir tonight and Tuesday, with frost in

low places tonight; moderate northwest winds. For details, see page 14. _.

GOVERNMENT MEN AFTER CHAMELEON-LIKE NOTES

Eight in Circulation Call for Different Sum on Either Side.

There are eight chameleon-like bills drifting about the country and each calls pon the Government to pay \$30 to the bearer, that is, if the owner will add together both sides of the bills. The secret service men here are looking for them.

Some one in the Bureau of Engraving and Printing became careless or suffered from brain fag a few weeks ago. He started to print perfectly good twentydollar bills. He completed printing one side of the twenty-dollar notes correctly then he lapsed for he inserted for the obverse side of the notes a plate for ten-dollar billa.

The first the Government heard of the bills which should be in a museum instead of circulation, was in the West. Now treasury agents and secret service men in Philadelphia are trying to round

DEFEAT OF PENROSE URGED AS AN ISSUE ABOVE PARTY LINES

Popular Government League Says \$1,000,000 Has Been Raised to Send Him and Sullivan to Senate.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 28.-Defeat of Boles Penrose, described as "Republican machine boss of Pennsylvania," and of Roger Sullivan, "Democratic machine boss of Illinois," both of whom seek seats in the United States Senate, is urged in a statement issued last night by the National Popular Government League, the president of which is Senator Robert L. Owen, of Oklahoma, chairman of the Banking and Currency Committe, and an Administration leader in the Senate.

The two men are designated in the statement as "a menace to popular government, State and national."

The league's manifesto, based upon representations made to it by dependable ettizens, declares:

"That the success of both Penrose and Sullivan at the primaries was promoted by defective machine-made primary laws which deny the secrecy of the Australian ballot, militate against the freedom of the voters and permit skillfut frauds to be perpetrateduce

"That if Senator Nerris' resolution is passed by the Senate and an investigation of these two primaries takes place, the results will shock the nation.

"That an enormous sum of money, tmated to the \$1,000,000. Is ready to spent if necessary to elect them to the Senate, where, because of the peculiar organization of the Senate, the rules would give each of them enormous in-

"That both had behind them the support, direct and indirect, of the special

interests in these States. "That they both have been persistent enemies for years of the popular gov ernment system.

"We shall oppose Penrose and Sullivan because we believe the election of these men, representing as they do in the publie mird the most typical and conspicuous examples of the sinister partnership between bipartisan politics and the special interests, would prove a most serious national blow to the doctrines of a government by the people.

"We, therefore, are of the belief that the issue transcends all party lines and that it is the duty of all good citizens to disregard party prejudices and to unite in opposition to all the alliances between ked business and crooked politics, which today threaten the very foundations of government by the people. We moral and financial support of friends of progress throughout the nation be able successfully to afd the people in their efforts to overthrow 'Sullivanism' in Illinois, 'Penroseism' in Pennsylvania and the influence of the

SQUIRREL PLAYS PART OF "BULL IN CHINA SHOP"

Ruined Family Preserves, Sergeant

Mallon Finds After a Search. House Sergeant Francis Mallon, of the Front and Westmoreland streets station, is mourning the loss of a squirrel today and also several dollars' worth of pre-serves and catsup his wife had prepared. The squirrel ran into the celar of the sergeant's house, 323 West Lehigh avenue, to escape a gang of boys.

After the sergeant chased the boys he closed all the windows to the cellar and decided to make a pet out of the animal. Early this morning he was aroused from sleep by the noise of breaking glass in

the cellar. Seizing his revolver, the ser geant went to investigate, thinking he had been visited by burglars. Instead he found about half his winter's supply of preserves scattered about the floor. The squirvel was jumping about

from the Austrian from jar to jar, and every time the ani-tithat an epidemic of mai moved he wrought more have. Be-out there, and that are fleeing.

from jar to jar, and every time the ani-mai moved he wrought more have. Be-fore the sergeant could close the cellar door the squirrel got into the upper floors and escaped through a window,

LIPTON'S YACHT BECOMES AID TO RED CROSS WORK

The Erin Leaves Sails to Havre With 100 Nurses.

NEW YORK, Sept. 28.-The steam yacht Erin, owned by Sir Thomas Lipton, and which recently towed the Shamrock IV York, has been turned over to the British Government for hospital purposes, according to a cable message received by Thomas Crane, the New York representa

With Sir Thomas and 100 Red Cross nurses aboard, the Erin sailed yesterday from Southampton for Havre. It is assumed the nurses may be a por-tion of the American Red Cross contin-gent that left New York for the war zone l aeveral days ago.

PRESIDENT INSISTS ON WORLD-GIRDLING AMERICAN MARINE

Favors Ship Purchase Bill That Will Enable Capture of New Trade Channels in Every Direction.

[FROM A STAFF CORRESPONDENT.]

WASHINGTON, Sept. 28 .- President Wilson informed callers this morning that he is still of the opinion that the Alexander ship purchase bill, providing for Government-controlled line of steamships to be used in the South American trade, should be passed at this session of Congress. He made it clear that he would not abandon this measure because of the opposition that has developed among the Democrats of the House who are opposed to the measure.

The President insists on a worldsirdling merchant marine that will not only capture commerce in all channels,

but will retain it.
Following his conference with the newspaper correspondents at 10:30 o'clock this morning, the President received Ma-jority Leader Underwood and Representative Alexander. They called at the White House, it is understood, to tell the President of the threatened split in the Democratic ranks of the House if the ship purchase measure is pressed by the Administration at this session. President Wilson is believed to have nformed Rep-resentatives Underwood and Alexander that some stronger reason must be pre-sented for dropping the Alexander bill from the Administration's legislative

The opposition in the House to the passage of the measure seems to be well organized and some of the Democratic leaders say that the President is inviting defeat for the first time in Congress, by insisting upon the enactment of the law providing for the Government-con-trolled steamship line.

The President, however, does not seem in the least worried by the threatened revolt in the House, and the Administration leaders profess to be confident that the Alexander bill will become a law before the Senators and Representatives are permitted to adjourn Con-gresss and get back to their homes to ook after the mending of their "politi-

FIVE LOSE LIVES IN FIRE

Mother Burned in Vain Attempt to Save Four Children.

CHAMPAIGN, Ill., Sept. 28 .- Mrs. Joseph Stone and her four children were burned to death today when fire destroyed their

The mother lost her life trying to save

SENATE FOR OIL PROBE

Passes Resolutions to Investigate the

Business in United States. WASHINGTON, Sept. 28.—Two reso-utions providing for investigations of the oil business of the United States, particularly the Standard Oll Company, today were adopted unanimously by the Senate.

CHARLES M. MORTON'S WILL MAKES GIFTS TO CHARITY

Churches and Homes Share in Distri-

bution of Estate of \$220.395. The estate of Charles M. Morton, who died in June, 1913, amounted to \$220,394.45, according to the accounting of the executor, Thomas S. K. Morton and Arthur V The account has been filed the Register of Wills for audit by the

Orphans' Court. Booker T. Washington Normal and Industrial School for Negroes, at Tuskagee, Alabama, has received a \$500 bequest from the estate.

Other charitable disbursements made by the accountants under the terms will are: Christ Memorial Reformed Church, \$2750; Theological Seminary of the Reformed Episcopal Church, \$2500; Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church, \$5000; Children's Senshore Home. Atlantic City, \$2560; Mercer Home for Invalid Women, \$1000; Philadelphia Auxiliary of the McCall Mission, \$2500; Women' Union Foreign Missionary Society, \$2600; American Sunday School Union, \$1500; Christ Mission of New York, \$1000; Phila-delphia Home for Incurable, \$1500; Pennsylvania Hospital, \$2500; Pennsylvania

Wills admitted to probate today were those of Jens Hensen, late of 7437 Oxford pike, disposing of an estate of \$30,215 in private bequests; Louis Pollock, 873 North 3d street, \$19,000; Annie E. Ramsey, 5331 Wakefield street, \$9000; Ann B. Laughlin, 4454 North 19th street, \$6600; Chriestiana Waldner, 2544 East Montgomery avenue, \$356; Rhepeka N. Fabibian, 803 Market street, \$2000. Personal property of John V. Evers has been appraised at \$4631.33; Mary J. Leavitt, \$3538.68.

William Tinney Instantly Killed as Whels Go Over Him.

wheels of a brick cart he was driv-The wheels of a order the was driv-ing today ended the life of William Tinney, 46 years old, 1426 South 28d atrest, who lost his balance while ad-justing the harness and fell beneath the vahlote at 25th street and Passyunk Before the horses could be stopped the

had drawn the heavy brick-laden cart across the chest of its driver. Both the forward and rear wheels passed over the man. His chest was crushed and his Policeman Frowert, of the Seventh and Carpenter streets police station, took the man to the Howard Hospital in a patrol wagon but physicians said death had wagon been instantaneous. The body was taken

"BUY A BALE" CONFERENCE

to the Morgue.

Governors of Southern States Ex-

pected to Meet Tonight. WASHINGTON, Sept. 28.-All Governors of Southern States have been invited to a conference here tonight on the "buy a bale" and other cotton and financial situations of the South. Agitation for a di-rect Government loan to cotton producers is expected. will attend. MAJOR CROCKER MISSING

Faced Charge as Absconding Debtor to Extent of \$17,515.14.

NEWARK, N. J., Sept. 28.—Major Re-land D. Crocker, of the First Regiment, New Jersey National Guard, of Newark, who is a lawyer, bank director and of-icial in various investment enterprises has not been heard from since an attach ment was secured against him on Satur day, charging him with being an abscond ing debtor to the extent of \$17,515.14 by the ing deptor to the extent of 21,315.15 by the Independent Investment Company, of which he was the president.

Mrs. George W. Clark, an aunt of the missing man, fears he may have ended

Mrs. Clark also said that her husband, who is secretary-treasurer of the Hall, Clark Company, leather brokers, has suf-fered a nervous breakdown and fears the loss of investments he has made in his

BEACHEY STARTLES PRESIDENT WILSON BY AERIAL PRANKS

Wonderful, But Reckless, His Comment on Viewing Aviator's Flops Over White House Grounds.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 28 .- "Wonderful, out startlingly reckless," said President Wilson today when Lincoln Beachey, the viator, turned a double aerial somersault over the White House grounds some 1500 feet up in the air. The President watched the airman drive his tiny aeroplane through hair-raising evolutions and heaved a sigh of relief when the machine darted off in a straight line toward the Capitol at the other end of Pennsylvania avenue.

Beachey, induced to come here by Captain Mark L. Bristol, chief of the Navy Aviation Bureau, was supposed to remonstrate to the law makers the necessity for greater appropriations for flying machines for the use of both the navy and army. It was his task to demonstrate the complete control man now had in

When he reached the Capitol the Sentte and House office buildings were quickly emptied. Committee meetings broke up as if by magic, and Senators and Representatives, with a small army of clerks and stenographers, crowded out of the big building to take up positions in the plaza.

Beachy signalized his arrival over the dome of the capitol by turning four back somersaults in his machine in rapid succession. Then he circled the dome thrice and darted back again down Pennsylvania avenue. He dived for the tall tower of the Postofice Department, amed over it and up until when he reached the Washington monument he

vas more than 1000 feet aloft. After alighting in Potomac Park the engine and went up again after a wait of 20 minutes. The President again watched him as he executed fancy fig-ures against the blue sky. The airman cut figure "8's." dived, twisted his machine sideways and flopped over backward many times.

When it was all over official Washington drew a long breath and went back to work. The effect on Congress has not yet been ascertained.

ONE OF FRANK FRIEND'S BONDSMEN WITHDRAWS

Prompted by Report That Accused Man Swindled Poor Clients.

Frank A. Friend, the real estate dealer recently held in \$10,000 ball on the of embezzlement from two building and loan associations, has been given up by his bondsmen because of alleged peculations from poor people. John A. Mortimer, a builder of 3024 North E street, who put up half of the bond required for Friend, said today that he decided to such men as James McConnell, of 3450 A

street, had been defrauded.

McConnell, who is a retired fireman paid Friend about \$450 on a mortgage on his home at the A street address and, according to McConnoll, the money kept by Friend. It was also learned that Friend's alleged embezzlements from the Old Hickory Building and Loan Associa-tion had increased to more than \$10,000 as result of investigations.

Mrs. Mortimer, wife of the builder who withdrew his bond, said today that her husband went on Friend's note for \$5000 when the real estate man had to give his former wife \$10,000 last May, and of this sum has received only \$500 to date. Mortimer declares that he tried to get from Friend a statement of his liabilities.

When I found that men like McConnell, who had worked all their lives to buy their homes, had lost through Friend," said Mortimer, "I decided to have nothing more to do with him. He telephoned to me when detectives went to arrest him and pleaded that I give him hour or so to get another bondsman, CART CRUSHES MAN TO DEATH | but I refused to have anything more to

WILL ENCOURAGE MARRIAGES Church of England Ministers Asked

to Foster Matrimony. LONDON, Sept. 28.-All ministers he Church of England have been asked by the Archbishop of Canterbury. Its head, to do everything possible to enourage marriages. England, like Germany, realizes that

high birth rate is necessary to fill gaps caused by the war, and every fort is being made to encourage marriages at this time.

HARVARD TO SEND TEACHERS CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Sept. 28.—Despite European war, Harvard will exchange professors with French and German universities. It was announced today that Prof. W. A. Nelson will go to Paris, and Prof. A. D. Hart will go to Berlin, while Prof. Waldermar Volght, of the University of Gestlingen and Prof. to Bernin, which is the University of Goettingen, and Prof. Hanri Lichtenberger, of the University of Paris, will come to Harvard.

Pope Receives Bishop McDonnell ROME, Sept. 28.—Bishop C. E. McDon-iell, of Brooklyn, was received in private nell of Brooklyn, was received in private audience yesterday by Pope Benedict XV. He is the first blahop admitted to the presence of the new Pontin.

GERMANS BESIEGE ANTWERP IN FIERCE ASSAULT ON FORTS

Reinforcements Move Forward in Several Directions in Campaign to Occupy New Belgian Capitol.

The Germans are shelling the outer fortifications with heavy guns. Already they are reported to have caused damage to Forts Vacihem and Wavre and to thechain of fortifications which connect them. The forts are responding vigor ously to the fire.

The guns used are those with which he Germans yesterday bombarded Mechlin, killing many worshippers as they left church and setting fire to many buildings, including the hospital of the Little Sisters of the Poor. Fort Strombaut is reported to have been practically destroyd by the German

So far as the bombardment of the defenses of Antwerp is concerned it is believed that the present action is in ended to keep the Belgian army inside of the fortifications. The guns used are of the heavy ordinary slege type and not the caterpillar pieces that caused the losses of Liege and Namur. Ant-werp is quiet and the General Stoff shows no concern over the latest development.

Belgian refugees are pouring into Maeatrich, owing to the burning of a nearby village by the Germans. They say that eight Belgian soldiers succeeded in cutting the railway, and that a Ger-man train in consequence was thrown into the ditch. In revenge the Germans ourned the village. Unconfirmed reports state that the city of Mons, headquarters of General Boehn,

commander of the German army sent to assist General von Kluk, is burning and that the railroad bridge on the main line between Mons and Brussels at Bierck has een blown up, cutting railroad communi ation between the German forces at Brussels and Mons. Travelers arriving from Ghent predict heavy fighting there in the near future,

as the Germans are making every effort to penetrate to Antwerp. They have been repulsed again near Termonde, in the vicinity of which they managed to de-stroy several villages by a withering chrapnel fire. It is evidently the Germans' intention o force their way through to St. Nicolas. if possible, and complete the ring of investment around Antwerp. Their bombardment of the city must be deferred, however, till their big guns are brought

as the Germans are making every effort

crete emplacements for them have been completed. JAPANESE CRUISER HALTS

hear enough to be effective and the con-

AMERICAN SHIP IN PACIFIC Idzumo Fires Shot Across Bow of

SEATTLE, Sept. 28. The activity of the Japanese cruise Idzumo which is lying in wait off the American coast for German ships, was shown today in a dispatch thating that the Idzumo had fired several shots across bows of the American steamship

Later the Japanese officers boarded the Seward and closely examined her papers before permitting her to proceed. The Seward plies between Seattle and Alaskan

GERMAN CHIEF IN ALSACE REPORTED A SUICIDE

Despaired Because Unable to Effect

Vosges Passage. LONDON, Sept. The German commander at Muchaueen, after telegraphing the General Staff to come and inspect the difficulties confronting him in Alsace, committed suicide, according to a dispatch from Bordeaux, The despair of the German general was due to his inability to effect a passage of the Vosges.

SITUATION SATISFACTORY." CABLES SIR EDWARD GREY

British Embassy Hears of Repulse of

Germans. WASHINGTON, Sept. 28.—Sir Edward Grey today cabled the British Embassy: "The situation is satisfactory, and ounter attacks on the British front have been beaten back with heavy losses by

HOT BATH SCALDS TWO

Attendant Dashes Pail of Burning Water Over Man and Boy.

An attendant in a bath house at 315 Montrose street, failed to test the temperature of a pail of water before he dashed the contents over Abraham Ho nd. 644 Wharton street, and Benjamir Hashey, 5 years oid. 4416 Lancaste avenue. Holland and the child he had with him were badly scalded. They were sent to Mt. Sinai Hospital. Samuel Schotkell, the bath attendant, is being held without ball to await the outcome of the boy's burns. Schotkell said that he misjudged the temperature of the water.

EAT ICE CREAM; TAKEN ILL

Ptomaine Poisoning Follows Lunch, Sending Victims to Hospital, NEW YORK, Sept. 28-Mrs. Iren Gmelch, her children, Marian, 5, and Alice, 7, together with a nurse, Miss

Catherine McGinley, took an ice cream

bunch Saturday night at \$19 Ditmas ave-

nue. Immediately they became violently Conrad Gmelch, a druggist, arrived nome early yesterday morning four unconscious on the floor. Doc tor Costello recognized it as ptomains poisoning. Mrs. Gmelch is atill in the Swedish Hospital, but will recover. The

CHOLERA ALARMS BUDAPEST BUDAPEST, via Rome, Sept. 28.—Considerable apprehension is felt over the outbreak of cholera here. Despite the stern repressive efforts of the authorities, it was admitted that 15 new cases of the disease were reported today.

others are already well.

INVADERS RENEW FIERCE ASSAULTS ON FRENCH CENTRE

All Attacks Repulsed, Is Official Statement From Paris Although Unofficial Reports Admit Germans in Force Have Crossed Meuse River.

London Credits Rumor That Mons is Burning and Believes it Marks Turning Point of Great Battle-Typhoid Epidemic in Kaiser's Camps.

The War Today

Fierce fighting today was resumed along the entire battle line in north ern France, the sixteenth day of the great engagement. French official statement states the Germans stormed the centre at the point of the baymans claim to be crossing the Meuse River in force near St. Mihiel, but the French War Office says St. Mihiel still is held by the French troops. The Allies have failed to penertate the German right at St. Quentin The Kaiser is believed personally to be directing the offensive movements

of his troops. Antwerp is being bombarded by the Germans in a fierce assault to crush the flanking attacks of King Albert's shelled by heavy German artillery. The Germans are moving reinforcements in several directions to aid in

Russians have selzed Uszak and other passes in the Carpathians, which control the entrance into Hungary Possession of these prevent the passage of Austrian reinforcements from the south in any attempt to proceed against the rear of the Russian troops, now actively moving toward ready penetrated to Tarnow, on the north, only 50 miles from the main objective of Cracow. The Przemysl garrison made an ineffectual sortie and in the repulse was driven back into the forts, the Russians occupying the town. Heavy bombardment

Japanese troops defeated the Germans in a 14-hour battle on the outskirts of Tsing-Tao, in Kiao-Chau, according to a Tokio official statement. It is said the German garrison, with supplies cut off, is about to surrender. London War Office announces that the Allies continue to hold the advantage in France, although there has been no decisive victory. London hopes the Ostend report is true that Mons is burning, as this would indicate the Allies have raided German communications far to the north of any point where fighting has been reported. It also is reported typhoid has broken out in the invaders' forces and their horses are suffering from glanders.

Berlin officially announces that the Germans in force are holding the foothold on the west bank of the river near St. Mihiel. It is also rennes have forced the French back and now hold the main highways and railroads in that vicinity. The Allies have been unable to break through the German right wing, it is added.

Petrograd War Offices report successtoward Cracow and the capture of all the southern passes through the Carpathians into Hur sary. In the East Prussia campaign the War Office reports repulse of the Germans in frontier skirmishes and a German heavily intrenched, to prevent the contemplated Russian invasion of

lenna War Office announces repulse of Allies' attack on Cattaro and the departure of the fleet engaged in the bombardment. The Austrian fleet and a large land force have concentrated at Pola on the Adriatic, is anticipation of Italy's participation in Desperate attacks made by the Ger-

The statement says the general sitsation is unchanged, but that attacks are being made continually by the Germans at certain points.

The statement, briefer than usual, There is nothing new in the general situation. Relative calm pre-

vails on the front. At certain points, particularly between the Alsne and the Argonne, the enemy continually attempts new and violent attacks, which have been repulsed.

This statement was regarded as the lesat satisfactory from a news standmade absolutely no mention of the situation on the right and left wings, where the heaviest fighting of the 16battle has been in progress.

The brevity of the official announce ment was taken as an indication that the wishes of the British Government as to the publication of military details would be observed, at least in part, hereafter. It is understood here that a certain plan that had been conceived in the War Office at London was upset by the publication of certain details made public in Paris.

It was frankly admitted at Headquarters here today that though the decisive phase of the conflict had been reached the Allies had been surprised by the continual attacks of the Germans, and it was impossible to predict

when the struggle would end. "The break must come, however, said one officer, "It is almost impossible that the enemy can withstand much longer the steady pressure of the Al-

"Their recuperative power has sur-

prised us. Their repeated counter attacks are most amazing. We know that they have suffered heavily, and yet their attacks are apparently as strong as ever. There is a hard task before us, but our troops realize that the final result will be in their favor." Mons is reported in flames. This may prove a forerunner of the most important development in the battle battle line, running north from the Aisne, begins to turn northeastward and moves through Belgium.

Between Mons and Antwerp is the northwest corner of the German square. Von Kluk is defending the southwest corner of the square so successfully that there does not seem to e any immediate prospect of the allied armies dislodging him by direct assault. It has been suggested in this column that in consequence of von Kluk's success the Allies would turn to the northwest corner of the German battle square and try to break through there. If the reported destruction of Mons is true, it probably means that this northwestern attack is beginning

It is rumored here that the Germans have made gains along the Meuse and that they are now in strong force on the west bank of the river near St. Thorn-Kalisz line, which is being Military headquarters, in contradiction of this, says that St. Mihiel still is held by the French, but gives no details.

The right centre French armies are under constant pressure in the territory east of Rheims where the crack German regiments continue to try to break through the lines. Wounded officers who have come back from there declars the fighting is like the pendulum of a clock, first one side having the advan-

tage and then the other. Every effort of the Allies to gain a